

# WADCO NEWS

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## Annual Meeting

W. & D. RELIEF ASSOCIATION

**To Be Held in Town Hall, Monday, at 7.15 P. M.**

At the beginning of a new year it is well for us to look backward and carefully scan the work of the past year and try to realize the amount of work carried out by the Association, and also to see if there was anything left undone which should have been done.

The Annual Meeting of the Association takes place on Monday evening, January 17, 1921, at which time the officers for the coming year will be chosen and the financial and other reports made. This will be one evening when the married men will have their innings, for their wives, not being members, will not attend. "What a Picnic."

Sometime ago we made the statement in the paper that only about 52 per cent. of the employees were members of the Relief, and asked the heads of the different departments to make a thorough canvas and endeavor to bring in all the black sheep, with the satisfactory result that now about 80 per cent. are members, and still more to come. If anyone knows of an employee who is not a member, please chase him up and do not let go of him until he squeals and you get his membership card filled out. You can do it, if you try.

During the past year we have had 200 people on the sick list ranging from one to thirteen weeks, meaning from four to one hundred dollars. When we are working and getting our pay every week, it does not seem as if the amount of a few weeks' benefits amount to much, but when we are sick and not earning anything, and the bills go on as usual, we find that every little bit helps and that we have received a good interest on the amount of our investment in the Relief Association.

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## Minutes Lost per Employee

<i>For week ending Dec.</i>	11	18	25
Office and Packing Room,	4	8	5
Mesh Room,	10	5	10
Assembly Room,	14	11	9
Gold Dept. "A",	4	0	1
Polishing Room,	7	6	2
Lining Dept.,	18	0	0
Coloring Dept.,	6	7	4
Bench Dept.,	11	9	5
Soldered Mesh,	8	4	3
Unsoldered Mesh,	10	7	6
Tool Room,	7	9	8
Stamp and Press,	8	5	8
Maintenance,	15	20	11
Planning Dept.,	2	3	15
Repair Dept.,	18	12	8
Whiting Chain,	4	1	3
Rolling and Wire Dept.,	0	2	0
Gold Dept. "B",	3	12	8
Snap Fastener,	7	0	0
Total hours lost,	105	85	76

## Report of Miss Bertha G. Cote, Factory Nurse, for Year 1920

Various treatments,	2106
Cases where Doctor had to be called,	37
Serious accidents,	12
Minor injuries,	906
Visits at the employees' homes,	219
Visits during the last three months,	85
Cases of advice only,	732
Patients taken to the Hospital,	7
Operations,	14
Operations at home,	4
Night emergency calls,	7

The records show that out of the 219 cases visited at home, only three received medication, and this with the doctor's authorization.

For the year 1921 I wish to state that, as in the past, I will do everything I can to give all patients prompt attention and satisfaction, and give them all the comfort that is in my power as a nurse.

B. G. COTE, Nurse

If we had our club house ready, we could pull off some of the Impromptu scraps that crop up occasionally among the younger employees.

## Future of America

NO NEED OF PESSIMISM

**U. S. Possesses One-Third of the World's Wealth**

In this period of business depression and when many of our friends are without work, it would be well for us to consider some of the bright facts to cheer us. Anyone reading the following, clipped from the A. W. Employee's Booster, can readily see that there is a favorable future in store for us.

The right about face of the money relation between our country and Europe means a good deal to us. Read and look for better times.

America has emerged from the world war with:

6 p. c.	of the world's population.
7 "	of the world's land.
70 "	of the world's copper.
66 "	of the world's oil.
75 "	of all corn grown.
60 "	of all cotton grown.
33 "	of the world's silver.
52 "	of the world's coal.
40 "	of the world's iron and steel.
20 "	of the world's gold.
85 "	of the automobiles.
25 "	of the wheat grown.
40 "	of the world's railroads.

Previous to 1914 we owed England so much money that the annual interest was 300 million dollars. Now England is paying us 150 million dollars a year interest. Before the war we owed about four billion dollars abroad. Today the net indebtedness of Europe to America is ten billion dollars. We possess about one-third or more of the total wealth of the world. America is now the richest nation, and the financial center of the world. Before the war England was the greatest ship-owning nation. After 1920, America will have twice as many ships as England.

At the dawn of the greatest era in our history every citizen of the United States should get these big facts indelibly in his mind.—The A. W. Employee's Booster.



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## EDITORIALS

### Thrift

Without me no man has ever achieved success, nor has any nation ever become great.

I have been the bedrock of every successful career and the cornerstone of every fortune.

All the world knows me, and most of the world heeds my warning.

The poor may have me as well as the rich.

He who possesses me has contentment in the present and surety for the future.

I am of greater value than pearls, rubies and diamonds.

Once you have me, no man can take me away.

I insure absolutely against the rainy day.

I guarantee those who possess me prosperity and success.

I have exalted those of low degree and those of high degree have found me a helpful friend.—Selected.

The above article brings out several good points. No time like the present has the value of thrift been better illustrated. With shops working two days a week or perhaps not at all, for lack of orders, where does the employee get off who has lived right up to his income and has not provided for the rainy day? How much better to feel that we can stand poor times for a while, if they have to come, without the struggle many are now making?

Washington said: "In times of peace prepare for war." Let us, in times of work and plenty, prepare for the possible hard times by THRIFT.

### POTATOES

With the consent and co-operation of the managers we took a couple of wallops at the H. C. L. this fall, with a fair degree of success, the collective purchase of potatoes being one of our modest efforts in that direction.

At the instigation of the committee, our purchasing agent, Mr. Lamphier, very obligingly shopped around for the best price to be had at this time on high grade Maine potatoes in car-load lots.

About two hundred of our co-workers signified their satisfaction with the price obtained, and placed orders totalling about seven hundred and fifty bags.

The first car-load arrived about ten days after the placing of the order, and to avoid confusion and the possible paying of demurrage on the car, the delivering was jobbed out to a trucking firm.

When the second car-load arrived, about two weeks later, the same method of delivery was used, though in this instance it was possible to drive a little sharper bargain with the truckman and make a saving of five cents on each sack so those receiving their potatoes from the second car-load can justly say that patience has its reward.

For every big job there is in America today there will be two twenty years from now.

There was never better opportunity for the bright youngster or the bright young man. It does not matter what you are today, office boy or bank clerk, farmhand or salesman, shop attendant or truckman.

For, in this country more than in any other, can it be said with truth:

"I am the master of my fate.

"I am the captain of my soul."

Work and you win. Loaf and you lose.—Exchange.

We take pleasure in announcing to our readers that Mrs. Catherine Kennedy has accepted the position of Assistant Editor of the Wadco News.

Too bad that Amos Fournier should spoil his polishing by getting so lame cutting up that hard wood bought from the firm.

### The Lament of the Lining Dept.

How dear to our hearts are the days long gone by us,  
When we worked with the "Bunch"  
in the Assembly room  
Where all was so gay and so busy and cheerful

Twass a pleasure to work there. Oh!  
take me back soon!

There was Elsie and Eva and Gertrude and Vera,  
And Mary and Erleen, we loved them all well;  
Their chatter and songs and their merry repartee,  
Their laughter and fun over yarns each would tell.

Oh! No longer we see you, are near you, or hear you  
As you work at your benches as busy as bees.  
Say! do you regret us? Pray, do not forget us.  
(Your pardon I beg for I've got to sneeze.)

I've caught cold in the cellar, the gloomy old cellar,  
The far away cellar, so like a great tomb.  
Oh! Why did they do it? I sure hope they'll rue it  
When they come to review it, in these sad lines of gloom.

Then, "Farewell," all those happy days, wide awake, snappy days,  
Now gone forever, no more to return;  
For they've put us down cellar, dark, gloomy old cellar,  
Oh! I've just got to "bellar."  
So, Good-Bye,

"GERTIE GLOOM."

The other night when Ed. Mitchell stepped off the car at Wrentham, the fire alarm was sounding. Instead of going to the fire, as any good fireman should, Ed went home, got his supper and then went to the fire-house for a smoke. It cost him a half dollar, we hear.

Most of you have heard "Cohen on the Telephone" but have you ever heard Milt with his saxophone?



## ANNUAL MEETING

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If we are sick for only one or two weeks, of course the returns are not large, but when that sickness extends into months instead of weeks, then is when we see our gain. As a new member remarked to me that she would not mind a week, but if she had six, eight or more weeks of it that it would strain her roll and that was the time when the benefits would be appreciated.

This annual gathering of all members of the Association is an exceedingly good thing as there are over 400 of us under one roof and I think I am safe in saying that not one-half of the members know the names of the other half and this evening gives us all a chance to mingle with others and get acquainted, and by so doing, gain greater interest in each other and our organization.

It is hoped that a large majority will take advantage of this evening of pleasure and be present and have a first-class time, and by so doing, show to the committee that you appreciate their efforts in preparing for this evening, and it is up to you to make the good time.

Again we wish to call attention to the fact that the officers would appreciate it very much if any person is sick that notice be given of it at once and not wait until they have two or three weeks' benefits due them, as it makes it unpleasant to all.

At the close of this year I wish to thank all the members of the W. & D. Relief Association for all courtesies extended to me in our business relations, and wishing you all a Happy New Year and the Relief Association a successful and prosperous one, I am

Yours truly,

W. M. FULLER, *Pres.*

I looked around for news today  
And find it pretty low,  
But I will do the best I can  
And tell you what I know.

Reginald has winked at Edith,  
He tried to do it sly,  
But I saw the whole performance  
Through the corner of my eye.

## Hard Soldering and Brazing

Hard solder is used for joining such metals as copper, silver and gold, and alloys such as brass, German silver, gun metal, etc., which require a strong joint and often a solder the color of which is near that of the metal to be joined. The hard soldering of copper, iron, brass, etc., is generally known as brazing, and the solder as spelter. The operations of hard soldering and brazing are identical, and the two terms are often used interchangeably. According to common usage, however, there is the following distinction. Brazing is generally understood to mean the joining of metals by a film of brass, whereas hard soldering (which is the term used by jewelers) ordinarily means that "silver solder" is used as the uniting medium. For hard soldering or brazing, a red heat is necessary, and borax is used as a flux to protect the metal from oxidation, and to dissolve the oxides formed. Heating cannot be done with a soldering iron, but should be effected by a blowpipe, blowtorch, gas forge or a coke or charcoal fire.

## European Relief Fund

The European Relief Fund received a big boost when a check was received from the Whiting & Davis Co. and the Whiting Chain Co. A generous offer was made by the firm to contribute an amount equal to that contributed by the workers. The result of the collection was \$232.50 from the Whiting & Davis Co. and \$25 from the Whiting Chain Co.

Although many had contributed to of the fund before it was hoped that the collection might reach the \$500 mark, as the employees have always responded so generously when called upon for any worthy cause.

However, it was thoroughly appreciated, as it was a great help to the fund.

We, the undersigned, would greatly appreciate the favor of having our time clock regulated, so that when we ring in on time we will be given credit for it instead of having a tardy mark.

Soldered and Unsoldered Mesh Depts.

## SPORTS

FRANK BROWN, *Editor*

The year 1920 is past and looking back over the many events that took place perhaps it would be well to think of the reason why our Baseball Team did not win the pennant. Herlin's good right arm was always in shape and the rest of the team were with him at all times. Still, somehow, we could not quite get there. The greatest excuse given was that the team needed more practice. This excuse came to Mr. Whiting's ears and he immediately got busy, and you see what is being done in the shape of the Athletic Field. When ready for use in the spring, we will have one of the best diamonds in this vicinity, nicely drained, level and fast. Now as he has shown great interest in the Baseball Team, let us all pull together and give our support, and if we do, the pennant will wave over the Whiting Field for 1921. We have lost some of our players, but as the old saying goes, "There are plenty good fish in the sea," so we are hopeful of having their places filled.

The photo of the Meteors of 1878 that has been on exhibition has attracted a great deal of attention. This club was organized in 1877 and was maintained and managed by H. B. Davenport, who at that time was proprietor of Wamsutta Hotel, in conjunction with Joe Weaver. We played most all of the semi-professional teams in the state. The trips were week ends, leaving town on Thursday night and playing Fridays and Saturdays. Our traveling expenses were paid and all had a jolly good time. Five of the boys have passed on and five are still able to go and see the national game as our catcher, Oscar, attended the World's Series in Brooklyn this summer. In 1890 we played the Boston Nationals on April 30, the day before the pennant race began in the big league. We held them to a 10-6 score which made us feel quite proud. The Boston Nationals that year was made up of Bond and Snyder, batteries, Jim and John O'Rourke, Murdock, Sadie Houck and Mike Kelly. They surely were a great batting team and won the pennant that year.





## CAUGHT IN THE MESH



### Greetings From Middleboro

I really think you ask too much, I beg to say, you "beat the Dutch" when you ask me to make a Christmas rhyme and give me just so little time. I did expect at least six days to compose a rhyme you all would praise, for I'm not a poet by any means, and it's not as easy as it seems to be a housewife tried and true, and do the things that housewives do—cook and wash, mend and fix everything for a family of six. My extra time I pass away by soldering mesh bags every day, and only in recreation times do I compose my little rhymes. As Christmas now is drawing nigh, my recreation time is shy, for I am planning day and night, just how to make our Christmas bright, and thinking too of every friend, and how much money I will spend, and keeping pleasant all the while, and giving all a cheery smile. Although we're glad while Christmas is here, we're glad it comes but once a year. I do regret, most truly do, that I must write these things to you, but now you know, and easily see, how quite impossible it is for me to send you over a special rhyme, and get it there in proper time. So please excuse just this once, 'tis not because I am a dunce, but just because I haven't time to write you up some little rhyme.

So I'll wish you all a Happy Year and a Christmas filled with joy and cheer. As my message I have written clearly, I now remain,

Yours most sincerely,

Hattie Goodwin.

The Editor believes this should be printed though it be late.

Ninety per cent of the Tool Room have signified their intention of attending the annual meeting and good time of the Relief Association. What is it, fellows, going because you can't bring your wife?

Now that the ice is broken, it looks as though Mildred Miller would be the next one to "fall in."

Pray, listen, Mr. Editor,  
A secret I would tell,  
A pretty maid is vexed with us.  
Her name is Dolly Bell.

She reads the Wadco carefully  
Oh, we should blush with shame,  
For search it over as she will,  
She can never find her name.

So please print it large and showy,  
In the most conspicuous place  
And thus bring smiles instead of  
frowns  
To DOLLY'S pretty face.

### Assembly Room

There is a girl who curls her hair,  
And "hangs" around our room.  
We do not know which is her beau,  
But we may find out soon.

I heard her say the other day,  
In a very quiet tone,  
"Give me a little Ford coupe  
And leave us all alone."

She is very fond of dancing,  
And of the shimmy, too.  
With just a little coaxing,  
She will show what she can do.

Now, Tom, and Dick, and Harry,  
Beware of the "vamp", I say,  
For she is rather dangerous,  
In her cunning, winning way.

The dance given by the "Wide Awake Girls" Jan. 7, was a success. It was attended by many young folks. The girls hope to give another, some time in February.

What do you think of the new "Vamp" from Quaker Hill?

We are glad to welcome Cora back again. We hope she is completely recovered.

"Little puffs of powder  
Little dabbs of paint,  
Make Stella J—  
Look like what she ain't."

Frank Henrieks, the ex-fruit and vegetable pedler, is now floor walker and reporter for the Chain Co.

Whiting & Davis Co. is well represented at the Y. M. C. A. every Thursday. Lamphere, Collins, Toot-hill, Barton, Evans and Peasley are all there. Room for more.

Mr. McMillan of Sherbrooke has been working in the coloring room lately, getting in touch with the Green Gold.

Our new addition is well along towards completion.

After repeated challenges, the Stamp and Press department is, at last, going to have a chance to administer defeat to the Tool Room five. The Tool Room has accepted their challenge and the match is to take place tonight.

For the Tool Room there will be Cheever, Sweeting, Hemmingsen, Hayes and Waldron. For the Stamp and Press there will be Gaddes, Savage, C. White, Baxter and Onellette.

Rhea Aabin is heart-broken now that Arthur is married.

It is still a mystery about the chicken's leg that was in the shop this week. Not so about the mouse!

Oh, Esther, she is happy.  
And sings the livelong day,  
While the rest of us get weary  
And wish we were away.

With a bowling match between the Tool Room and Stamp and Press Room, and a hockey match between the Office and Tool Room, the boys must be waking up. Who is going to challenge the winners?